Special Educational Development Programme for SC Girls

5278. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of states where specially Educational Development Programme for. Scheduled Caste girls belonging to very low literacy level is going on;

(b) the number of girls benefited by this programme in each State during the last two years; and

(c) the amount spent on this programme by the States and the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for Scheduled Caste girls belonging to very low literacy levels covers only such 48 Districts in the country where literacy of girls belonging to Scheduled Castes is less than 2%, as per 1981 census. These districts fall in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajsthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Under this scheme, 100% grant in given by this Ministry to the concerned Zila Parishads for proposals recommended by the respective State Government for setting up residential schools for such girls for class I. Each school has a strength of 25 girls. The State-wise details of grant given and the number of residential schools sanctioned during last two years are given in the statement annexed.

STATEMENT

	1998-99		1999-20 000	
State	Grant Sanctioned (In Rupees)	No. of . residential Schools, Sanctioned (25 girls per school)	Grant Sanctioned (in Rupees)	No. of residential Schools Sanctioned (25 girls per school)
Bihar	2,83,500/-	01	Nil	Nil
Madhya Pradesh	38.94,520/-	26	20,97,665/-	13
Rajasthan Uttar	28,05,024/-	20	49.02,235/-	35
Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	69.83,044/-	47	70,00,000/-	48